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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530


Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to express my support for the settlement that was negotiated in November between Microsoft and the Justice Department. I believe the settlement is sound and in the best interests of our economy.

Although Microsoft probably conceded more than was warranted, the company believes it is time to move forward. As an example, Microsoft agreed that if a third party's exercise of any options provided for by the settlement would infringe any Microsoft intellectual property right, Microsoft will provide the third party with a license to the necessary intellectual property on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. I believe this is a significant concession and should show the government that this is indeed a good deal for them.

Both sides of this dispute showed much courage in sticking with the tenuous negotiations this agreement required. Your office has made the right decision in supporting this settlement and I hope you will continue your support.

Sincerely,


Arthur Millevoi

cc: Senator Rick Santorum